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Attorney General Jon Bruning

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Former Dundy County Deputy Sheriff Pleads Guilty to Attempted Procuring Alcohol for a Minor**

Note: A sound bite on this topic will be available shortly at: <http://www.ago.ne.gov>

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning announced former Dundy County Deputy Sheriff, Kristopher Rinne, 26, pleaded guilty to attempted procuring alcohol for a minor.

In November of 2007, Rinne, off duty at the time, purchased beer for a 20-year-old female and drank it with her. Rinne received a 14-day jail sentence, one year probation, a \$750 fine, 20 hours of community service and he can't consumer alcohol for a year.

"Mr. Rinne was a member of law enforcement and he should've known better," said Bruning.

Rinne resigned from the Dundy County Sheriff's Department in June of 2008.

Attempted procuring alcohol for a minor is a class II misdemeanor punishable by zero to six months in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine.

Assistant Attorney Jeff Gaertig handled the case.

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## Roy Cooper North Carolina Attorney General

For immediate release

Date: August 26, 2008 Phone: 919/716-6413

### Cooper offers tips for back to school safety

**Raleigh:** Attorney General Roy Cooper today offered tips to help parents get their children back to school safely and ready to learn as the traditional school year begins.

"Giving our children a safe and successful school year means more than buying the right pencils and backpacks," Cooper said. "A few simple steps can give parents some peace of mind so they can focus on helping their kids learn."

Cooper's office offers parents the following safety tips:

- Sign up to get email alerts when a registered sex offender moves near your home or your child's school, daycare, or after-school activities. Visit the sex offender web site, available at [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov), to sign up for email alerts, and encourage your child's school to sign up for alerts as well. You can also use the site to search for registered offenders and view maps and aerial photographs that pinpoint where they live.
- Check to make sure your child's school has a current safety plan. Ask if they've put together their Critical Incident Response Kit, which should contain everything a school needs to respond to a crisis, like blueprints, keys, rosters and emergency plans. Ask if teachers have been trained. Cooper's office helped distribute the kits to all North Carolina schools in 2002 and 2003. A list of schools that have been recognized for putting together their kit and providing training is available at <http://www.ncdjjdp.org/cpsv/cirk.html>. Ask what you should do as a parent if a crisis occurs at school.
- Talk to your kids about how to stay safe from strangers, even on the Internet. Set ground rules for Internet use, agree on web sites that are OK to visit and explain what is appropriate or not to do or view online. Easy to use tools that can help you protect your children online, including a video and resource guide, are available free from Cooper's office at [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov) under Internet Safety.
- Consider carefully the age and maturity of your children before deciding to let them use social

networking sites. If you decide to allow it, be sure to read the site's safety tips, utilize its privacy settings, and provide extra supervision. Also, talk to teens about how social networking sites can cause problems if people post inappropriate messages and embarrassing photos.

- Talk to school staff about Internet safety, too. Computers can be a wonderful learning tool, and many children now have access to the Internet in classrooms and school libraries. Ask your child's school how they protect their students when they go online, and let them know that Internet safety tools for teachers are also available at [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov) under Internet Safety.
- Make sure your child's school, day care and after school activities screen their employees. Visit and get to know the people who spend time with your children.
- Update your list of emergency contacts and give a current copy to your child's school and any after school programs. Make sure that everyone on your contact list knows key information, such as how to get to your child's school, your pediatrician's name and number, alarm codes for your house, etc.
- Ask the school to notify you if your child doesn't arrive at school, and let the school know who is authorized to pick up your child. Make sure your children know who would pick them up in case of an emergency or if you aren't able to.
- Make sure young children know their full name, parent's name, address and phone number. You may also want to consider getting an ID card from the NC Division of Motor Vehicles for your child to carry.
- Be careful to protect your child's identifying information, like Social Security numbers, from strangers. Identity thieves will use an unsuspecting child's information to open credit lines, take out mortgages or acquire credit cards without parents' knowledge. Only give identifying information when necessary, and when you do, ask how it will be used and how the organization plans to protect the information.
- Encourage your children to talk to you about anything that makes them feel scared or uncomfortable. Teach your kids which trusted adults (such as grandparents, teachers, school resource officers, a neighbor you know and trust) they can also turn to when they need help.

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## **Attorney General Bruning Says Death Sentence for Murderer Should Stand**

**Note:** Sound bites on this topic are available at: <http://www.ago.ne.gov>

(Lincoln, Neb) Attorney General Jon Bruning filed a brief today with the Nebraska Supreme Court arguing the five death sentences handed to Norfolk bank robber Jose Sandoval should be upheld.

Sandoval personally shot and killed two bank employees and one customer at the U.S. Bank in Norfolk in 2002. Sandoval's subordinates Jorge Galindo and Eric Vela each shot and killed a bank employee. Their rampage left five people dead. A jury convicted Sandoval on five counts of first-degree murder. Sandoval was sentenced to death for each murder.

"We're confident the state will win the appeal," said Bruning. "Death is the appropriate sentence for the crimes Mr. Sandoval committed."

In Nebraska, anyone who receives the death penalty is granted a mandatory appeal.

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## Attorney General Bruning Files Charges Against Gas Station Owner and Distributor

**Correction:** Spelling of Tom Wiese's name is corrected. (Wiese not Weise)

**Note:** Sound bites on this topic will be available shortly at: <http://www.ago.ne.gov>

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning filed charges in Burt County today against a gas station owner and a distributor. A joint investigation between the Attorney General's Office and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's Division of Weights and Measures showed both people were involved in a scam where ethanol-blend gasoline was sold to customers at the higher unleaded price.

"Gas prices are high, times are tough and Nebraskans should get what they pay for," said Bruning.

Tom Wiese, who owns gas stations in Scribner (Scribner Express) and Decatur (Decatur Express), faces three counts of theft by deception, one count of criminal simulation, and one count of deceptive advertising.

Tim Kaup is the general manager of the Sapp Bros distribution center in West Point. He's charged with aiding and abetting Wiese in committing seven counts of theft by deception, one count criminal simulation and one count of deceptive advertising.

The investigation found that Kaup actively promoted the idea of selling ethanol-blended gasoline at unleaded prices to store owners, and Wiese took him up on it. Both men deceived customers for over a year.

Theft by deception is a class II misdemeanor with a penalty of up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Criminal simulation and deceptive advertising are class III misdemeanors punishable by up to three months in jail and \$500 fine. Both Wiese and Kaup will appear in Burt County Court in Tekamah at 9 a.m. on Sept. 9.

In the last year, the Attorney General's Office has received around 90 gas complaints from consumers across Nebraska involving 35 stations. Issues raised include pricing, advertising and pump calibration. The office continues to work with Weights and Measures on investigations.

Greg Ibach, Director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture said, "We are committed to making sure gas stations are playing by the rules and will continue to test pumps across the state."

"We know there are more stations taking advantage of unsuspecting customers. We intend to prosecute those who deceive the public. If they think they're going to get away with it, they're wrong," said Bruning.

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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## \*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\*

**Attorney General Bruning Will Hold  
News Conference at the State Capitol  
Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. CDT**

**WHAT:** News Conference

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. CDT

**WHERE:** State Capitol, Room 2115, Lincoln

**TOPIC:** Update on gas station investigations

**WHO:** The Attorney General will be joined by Steve Malone, administrator of the Division of Weights and Measures.

For a live audio feed of the news conference, please dial **(866) 247-0709** and code **(402) 471-2682** at the prompt. *Please remember to mute your phones, and please avoid placing the call on hold.*

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## MySpace Deletes 146 Nebraska Sex Offender Profiles from Site

**Note: A sound bite on this topic is available at: <http://www.ago.ne.gov>**

(Lincoln, Neb.) Attorney General Jon Bruning announced today that social networking site MySpace deleted 146 profiles belonging to approximately 112 registered Nebraska sex offenders. The company removed the profiles during the first half of 2008.

MySpace gathers sex offender registry lists from states, compares those lists to users on its site and deletes offenders' profiles.

This is the second time MySpace removed the profiles of Nebraska sex offenders from its site. The company deleted 247 profiles in 2007 after a working group of attorneys general from 52 states and territories, including Nebraska, sent a letter to the company demanding it turn over information about sex offenders. The working group encourages social networking sites to help protect children from threats such as sexual predators and inappropriate content.

"This is part of our on going efforts to help protect children on the Internet," said Bruning. "Keeping sex offenders off social sites is a critical step to keeping our kids safe online."

A bill making it illegal for registered sex offenders to use social networking sites will be part of the Attorney General's legislative package for next year.

Internet safety has been and continues to be a top priority for Bruning. Over the last five years, the Attorney General's Office has:

- Reached an agreement with Facebook which restricted users from changing their ages and aggressively removes inappropriate content and groups from the site.
- Reached an agreement with MySpace that enhances online safety by developing age/identity verification software.
- Reached an agreement with Yahoo! that shut down 70,000 chat rooms frequented by sexual predators.
- Worked with the legislature to create the offense of Online Enticement.
- Worked with the legislature to pass cyberstalking legislation. LB 142 made it a felony for an adult to send sexually explicit material to a child under 16.
- Increased penalties for the possession of child pornography – one to 20 years for the first offense. One to 50 years for each subsequent offense.
- Hosted Websafe, an Internet safety conference for local law enforcement and prosecutors, educational administrators, community officials and victim advocacy groups.
- Launched [www.safekids.ne.gov](http://www.safekids.ne.gov), an Internet safety Web site.

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